
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT: SECOND PUBLIC DRAFT, JANUARY 1993

Public hearings were held in Morehead City, Greenville, Manteo, and Raleigh.

Many comments indicated that the second draft appeared little improved from the first. Although some of the stronger, more regulatory actions were removed, the predominance of comments received indicated that the document still focused too much on new regulation. County governments in particular voiced their concerns over this and the lack of attention to economic impacts in the document. Environmental groups asked again for more clarity in the type of actions the CCMP was recommending. Many individuals continued to describe the Plan as too technical and hard to read. They said it was difficult to determine the main goals and objectives of the study. As noted earlier, the intensity of reaction to the Plan at this stage led the Management Conference to call for a third draft and public review rather than going to a final version from this point.

GENERAL

- Many comments from 1st draft were not adequately addressed
- Falls short of expectations
- Reduce regulation and controls (minimize state influence on land use planning), enforce existing laws better
- Support for greater focus on nonpoint source pollution control
- Strongly suggest recommending more stringent nonpoint source pollution controls
- Contains no thorough cost-benefit analysis or assessment of impacts on tax base and jobs
- No specific requirements for waste minimization
- Plan initially flawed because Management Conference committees aren't diverse enough
- Streamline bureaucracies and support/acknowledge successful programs
- Balance environmental protection with human activities
- Develop basin action plans with specific goals, priorities and actions
- Expand outreach efforts to make contents of the CCMP clear
- Must prioritize problems and solutions
- Make monitoring program more scientifically sound (Quality Assurance/Quality Control, include air deposition)
- Reference other APES research better
- Improve structure: shorter in length, better graphics, references and citations
- Economic considerations: caution about long-term costs to the public, respond to value of tourist industry, don't be anti-growth (balance land development), costs should be shared across watershed, assess costs of compliance
- Add finance section to each action

WATER QUALITY PLAN

- Support buffer strips; increase them to 50 feet
- Support education for logging industry instead of requiring notice of intent to harvest